

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution District" (FRL5557-2) received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3826. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including one rule entitled "Promulgation of Reid Vapor Pressure Standard; Michigan," (FRL5559-1, 5601-2, 5542-1) received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3827. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, the Vice President's report on the Blue Pages Project; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to endangered and threatened plants, (RIN1018-AB88) received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Decision on the Conditional Approval of Bismuth-Tin Shot as Nontoxic for the 1996-97 Season," (RIN1018-AD41) received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to hunting and/or sport fishing in ten national wildlife refuges, (RIN1018-AD77) received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3831. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Codes and Standard for Nuclear Power Plants; Subsection IWE and Subsection IWL," (RIN3150-AC93) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3832. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the nondisclosure of Safeguards Information for the period April 1 through June 30, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 1996, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 27, 1996:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1376: A bill to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies (Rept. No. 104-352).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments:

H.R. 3814: A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-353).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 94: A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to prohibit the consider-

ation of retroactive tax increases (Rept. No. 104-354).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1972: A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-355).

S. 1983: A bill to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to provide for Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-356).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 982) to protect the national information infrastructure, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-357).

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1237) to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-358).

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1556) to prohibit economic espionage, to provide for the protection of United States proprietary economic information in interstate and foreign commerce, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-359).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1893. A bill to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-360).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3068. A bill to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act (Rept. No. 104-361).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. 2049. A bill to reform the budget and oversight processes of the Congress; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2050. A bill to provide an enhanced penalty for distribution of controlled substances to recovering addicts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2051. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the development of drugs to treat an addiction to illegal drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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gress; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

THE BUDGET PROCESS AND OVERSIGHT REFORM ACT OF 1996

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, today, I am introducing legislation designed to improve the way Congress conducts its business. This legislation, entitled the "Budget Process and Oversight Reform Act of 1996," would create a 2-year budget process, and provide designated times for Congress to conduct oversight and work in their home States or districts.

As anyone who has followed Congress over the years knows, the changes proposed in this legislation are not new. However, in the past, proposals to create a 2-year budget and move toward a citizen legislature have languished in Congress.

Mr. President, I will do everything in my power to assure that these proposals get the most thorough consideration. In fact, I have already begun the process of reviewing them in Congress. In late July, the Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, which I chair, held a hearing that began creating the record for legislative action that I hope will occur early in the next Congress.

Surely, after our experience with the budget process over the last year and a half, most in Congress would agree that biennial budgeting is an idea whose time has finally come. Since I came to Congress, I have spent an unusually high percentage of my time considering matters related to the budget. No sooner did we finish working on the fiscal 1996 budget, then we had to start work on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

Although I believe that a biennial budget will prevent recent history from being repeated, I do not believe that it is a panacea for all of our budget problems. It cannot bring the budget into balance—Members of the Senate and House, along with the President of the United States, must still make the tough choices to bring that about. And, it will not automatically solve the serious problems posed by the increased demand on entitlement programs as the next generation begins to retire.

What a biennial budget can do is to give us time for the important tasks that often get short shrift these days, such as conducting oversight and long-range planning, and spending more time at home. The legislation that I am introducing today will ensure that time for oversight and work at home is set aside.

Mr. President, let me briefly summarize the specifics of that legislation.

First, the bill would create a 2-year budget process, and would require Congress to complete action on the budget by September 30 of the first session. If Congress misses that legal